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ROME, GA., MARCH 15 (AP)-U2 PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS AND HIS WIFE HURRIED HERE FOR A REUNION--THEN HURRIED AWAY.

POWERS -- IN SUCH A HURRY THAT HE LEFT HIS HAT AND COAT -- INDICATED HE AND HIS WIFE WOULD GO TO MILLEDGEVILLE, GA., WHERE MRS. POWERS' MOTHER LIVES.

THE FLIER, RELEASED LAST MONTH FROM A SOVIET PRISON IN A DRAMATIC EXCHANGE FOR A RUSSIAN SPY, ARRIVED IN ROME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO MEET HIS WIFE. HE DROVE DOWN WITH A FRIEND FROM NORTON, VA., MRS. POWERS DROVE UP FROM MILLEDGEVILLE WITH TWO RELATIVES.

THE COUPLE EMBRACED, THEN HURRIED AWAY IN THEIR CAR. POWERS FORGOT HIS HAT AND COAT WHICH HE HAD HANDED TO A POLICEMAN WHEN HIS WIFE ARRIVED.

POWERS HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT ON SPY CHARGES AFTER HIS U2 JET WENT DOWN INSIDE RUSSIA MAY 17, 1960.

POWERS SAID THAT A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION SHOWED HE HAD COME OUT OF PRISON IN GOOD CONDITION. HE SAID HE HAD NOT DECIDED WHETHER HE WOULD RETURN TO HIS JOB WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

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